Senate Bill No. 1452

CHAPTER 159

An act to amend Section 38630 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 830.1 of the Penal Code, relating to public safety.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1452, McPherson. Public safety: consolidated municipal agencies.

Existing law identifies persons who are peace officers and provides that these persons must meet requirements imposed by law, regulation, and Peace Officers Standards and Training guidelines in connection with appointment as a peace officer.

This bill would define the term "consolidated municipal public safety agency," and provide that the chief, director, or chief executive officer of such an agency is a peace officer, subject to the same requirements as, and possessing the same rights, responsibilities, and privileges of, a municipal chief of police.

This bill would make additional conforming changes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 38630 of the Government Code is amended to read:

38630. (a) The police department of a city is under the control of the chief of police.

(b) In municipalities which provide for police and other emergency services through a consolidated public safety agency which includes traditional law enforcement, fire protection, and other emergency services, the chief, director, or chief executive officer of such an agency shall control the agency. The chief, director, or chief executive officer of a consolidated public safety agency is a peace officer, and shall meet all of the same requirements imposed by law, regulation, or POST guidelines and recommendations as a chief of police, and he or she shall have all of the same rights, responsibilities, and privileges as does a chief of police. No one who fails to meet all of the above requirements of a chief of police and peace officer shall be appointed to the position of chief, director, or chief executive officer of a consolidated municipal public safety agency.

SEC. 2. Section 830.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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830.1. (a) Any sheriff, undersheriff, or deputy sheriff, employed in that capacity, of a county, any chief of police of a city or chief, director, or chief executive officer of a consolidated municipal public safety agency which performs police functions, any police officer, employed in that capacity and appointed by the chief of police or chief, director, or chief executive of a public safety agency, of a city, any chief of police, or police officer of a district (including police officers of the San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police) authorized by statute to maintain a police department, any marshal or deputy marshal of a municipal court, any constable or deputy constable, employed in that capacity, of a judicial district, any port warden or special officer of the Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles, or any inspector or investigator employed in that capacity in the office of a district attorney, is a peace officer. The authority of these peace officers extends to any place in the state, as follows:

- (1) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed within the political subdivision which employs the peace officer.
- (2) Where the peace officer has the prior consent of the chief of police or chief, director, or chief executive officer of a consolidated municipal public safety agency, or person authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a city or of the sheriff, or person authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a county.
- (3) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed in the peace officer's presence, and with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of the offense.
- (b) Special agents and Attorney General investigators of the Department of Justice are peace officers, and those assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs, chiefs, deputy directors, and division directors designated as peace officers by the Attorney General are peace officers. The authority of these peace officers extends to any place in the state where a public offense has been committed or where there is probable cause to believe one has been committed.
- (c) Any deputy sheriff of a county of the first class who is employed to perform duties exclusively or initially relating to custodial assignments with responsibilities for maintaining the operations of county custodial facilities, including the custody, care, supervision, security, movement, and transportation of inmates, is a peace officer whose authority extends to any place in the state only while engaged in the performance of the duties of his or her respective employment and for the purpose of carrying out the primary function of employment relating to his or her custodial assignments, or when

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performing other law enforcement duties directed by his or her employing agency during a local state of emergency.